East Central Economic Development Summit Agenda
Ball State University, Alumni Center, Assembly Hall
2800 W. Bethel Ave in Muncie
December 7, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Ball State University President Dr. Jo Ann Gora, Purdue University Dean of Agriculture Dr. Randy Woodson and Agriculture Director Andy Miller will host the East Central Indiana Economic Development Summit on Wednesday, December 7 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Ball State University. The goal of this four-hour summit is to present economic development opportunities for east central Indiana counties, many of which are rural.

1:30 p.m.   Opening Session
- Welcome – Dr. Jo Ann M. Gora, Ball State University
- State of Indiana perspective on agriculture – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
- Purdue University's vision for agriculture – Dr. Randy Woodson, Purdue University
- Farming in Indiana today – video presentation

2:15 p.m.   Economic Opportunity
- State of the economy in East Central Indiana – Dr. Pat Barkey, Ball State University and Greg Preston, USDA's Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service
- Opportunities for growth – Indiana Agriculture Director Andy Miller
- Economic impact of key opportunities – Dr. Ron Meeusen, BioCrossroads

3 p.m.   The Changing Nature of Agriculture
- Overview of the agriculture industry today and it's opportunities – Dr. Mike Boehlje, Purdue University
- Testimonials from farmers – to be announced

4 p.m.   Fitting Agriculture into Local Planning
- Making agriculture part of the local economic development plan – a case study
- Definition of good local land use planning and key elements of a proactive agricultural zoning plan – Dr. Eric Kelly, Ball State University
- The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's County Strategic Teams Process – Indiana Agriculture Director Andy Miller

4:30 p.m.   Putting it all together
- Opportunities for Employment – Dr. Rob Jeffs, Ivy Tech
- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management: Protecting the local community – Dave Russell, IDEM Ag Liaison

5 p.m.   Question and Answer Session